



Wambo Underground Outburst Management

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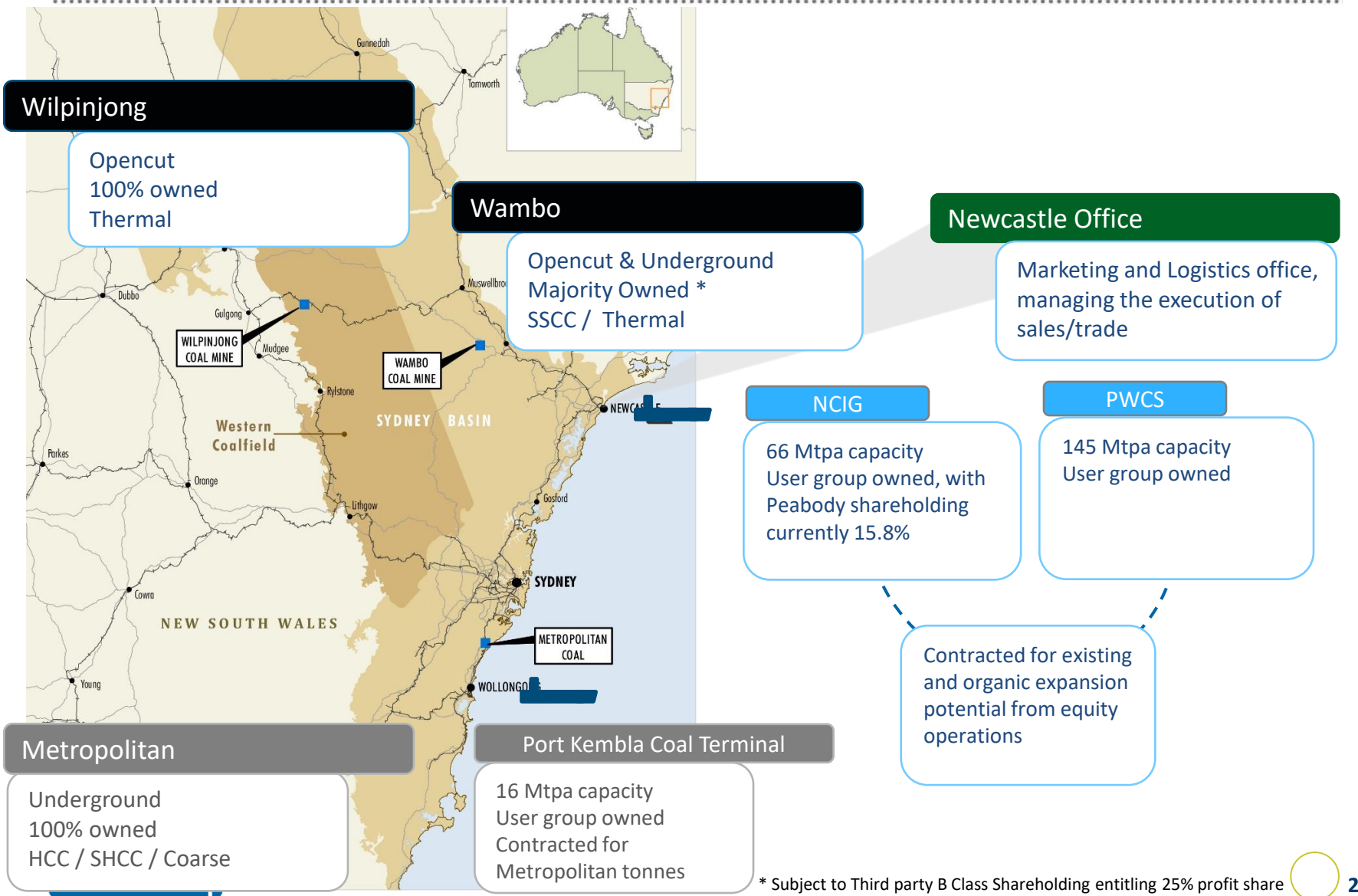
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Peabody Energy – NSW Portfolio Overview



Wambo Ownership and History

- Wambo is a combined open-cut and underground mine that has been operating since 1969 and was acquired by Peabody in 2006. (50 years)
- Located in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, Wambo is a well established premium thermal coal mine which rails to the Newcastle Port's for export.
- Wambo primarily exports to Japan, Korea and China.
- In 2018, Wambo complex mined 7.7 Mt.
- Wambo is one of Peabody's largest operating mines and has a workforce of approximately 566 permanent Peabody employees.



Wambo UG - Longwall

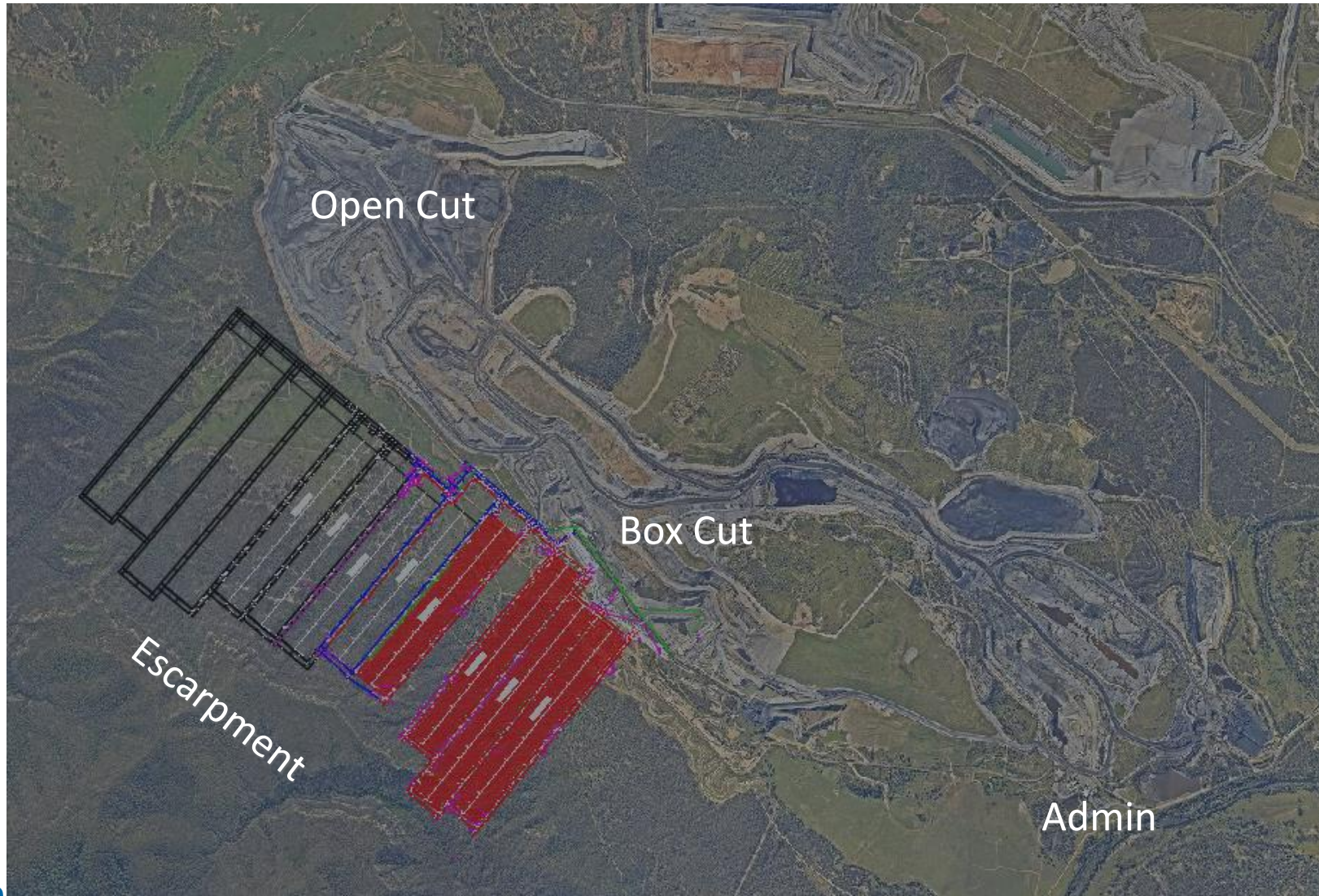


Wambo Opencut

Coal Handling and Preparation Plant



Wambo Overview (Aerial)



The Mine - UG

Nominal 3.7 mtpa mine (2019 3.4 mtpa)

3 heading mains and 2 heading gate road layout

1 x Joy LW – 250 m wide (1400 – 1800m blocks)

4 x continuous miners

- 1 x super unit gate road
- 1 x super unit mains

1-2 x UIS Drill rig (sometimes)



Simple Yet Challenging

SIMPLE

- Highwall entry mine
- 2 km UG
- Layout
- New equipment
- Benign LW operating conditions
- Land ownership
- Residential location
- Environmental consent conditions (within OC void)
- Low CAPEX input
- Dry seam

CHALLENGES

- Portal distance from admin
- Significant structural geology
- Soft/weak roof
- Multi seam workings
- Limited data
- Multi mine operations (UG)
- Relocating infrastructure
- Scheduling / short panels / Lead time
- Open cut interaction - Blasting



Coal Seams

- Multiple seam lithology
- Target
 - Whybrow

WAMBO	UNITED	LEMINGTON	H. VALLEY
Whybrow	Whybrow	Whybrow	Whybrow
Redbank Ck	Redbank Ck	Redbank Ck	Redbank Ck
Wambo	Wambo	Wambo	Wambo
Whynot	Whynot	Whynot	Whynot
Blakefield			Blakefield
			Glen Munro
Glen Munro	Blakefield	Blakefield	Woodlands Hill
Woodlands Hill	Glen Munro	Glen Munro	Arrowfield
Arrowfield	Woodlands Hill	Woodlands Hill	Bowfield
Bowfield	Warkworth	Warkworth	Warkworth
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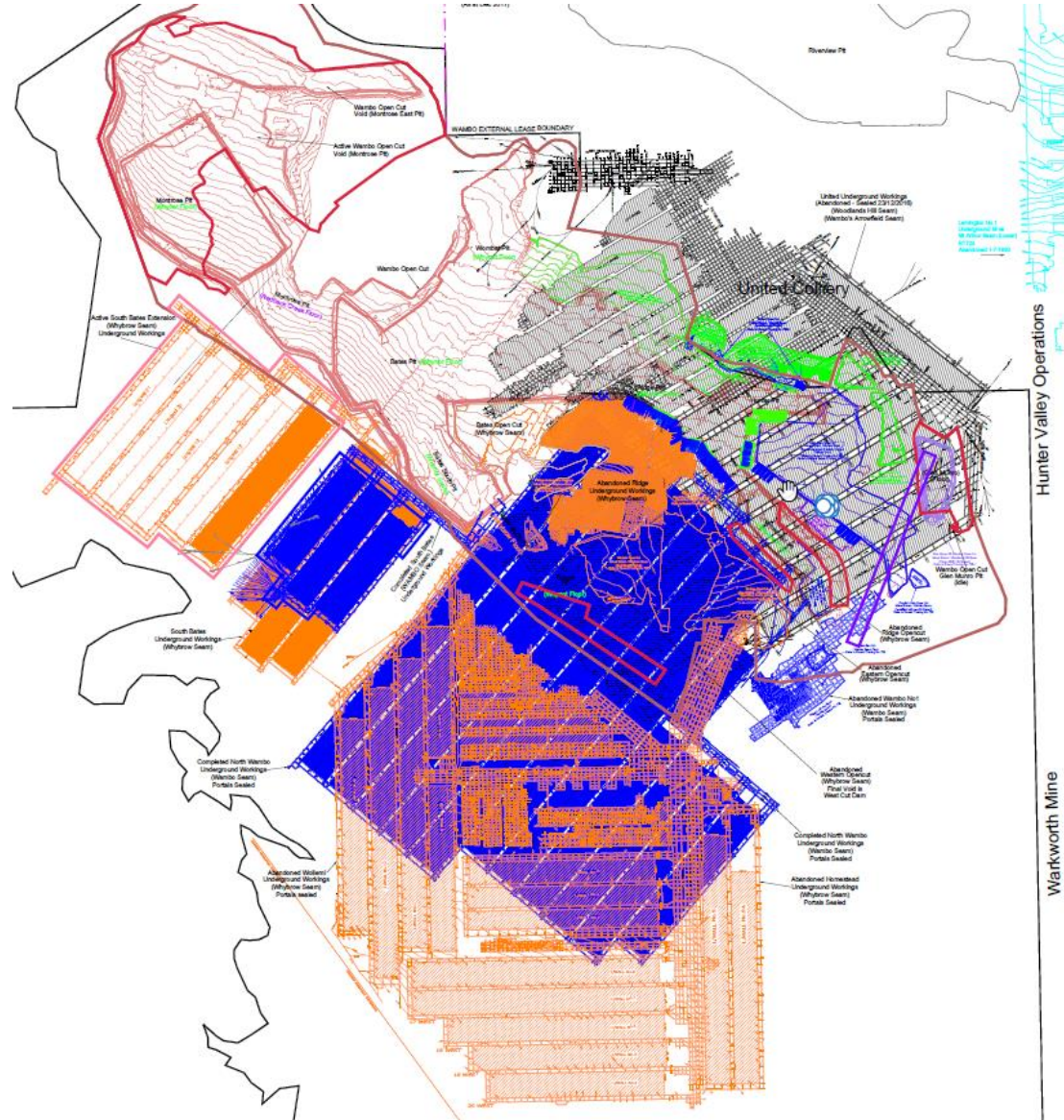
SEAM LEGEND

	Weathered Zone
	Whybrow
	Redbank Creek
	Wambo
	Whynot
	Blakefield
	Glen Munro
	Woodland Hill
	Arrowfield AFA-C
	Arrowfield AFD-E
	Bowfield
	Warkworth

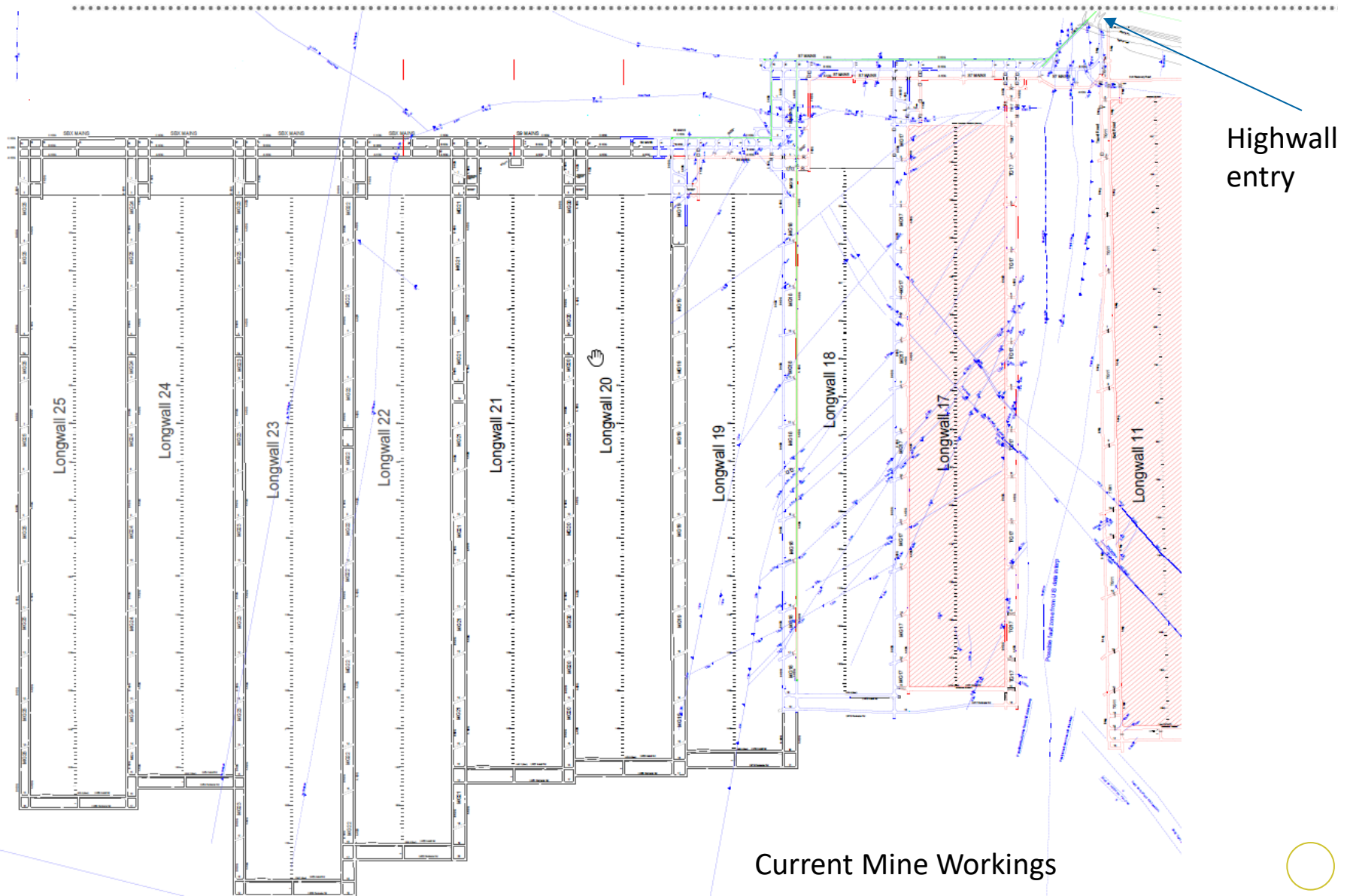


Workings

- Wambo Open Cut
- Multi Seam UG
 - Wollemi (Whybrow)
 - Homestead (Whybrow)
 - North Wambo (Wambo)
 - South Bates (Whybrow)
 - South Bates (Wambo)
 - South Bates Extended (Whybrow)
 - United (Glencore) (Arrowfield)

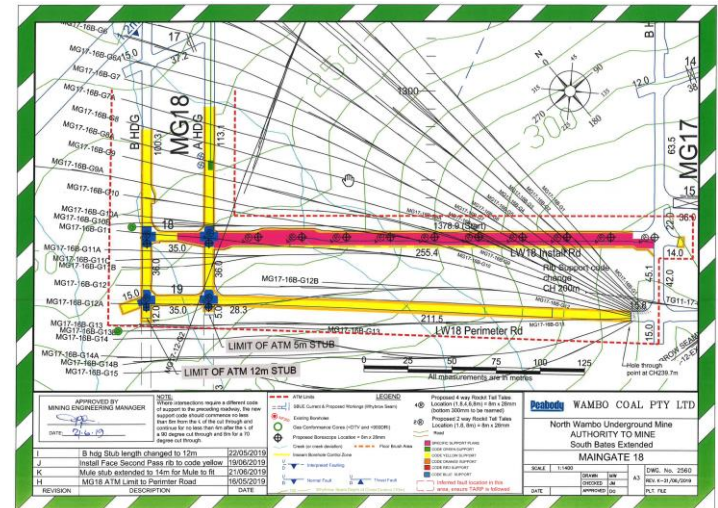


South Bates Whybrow Extended



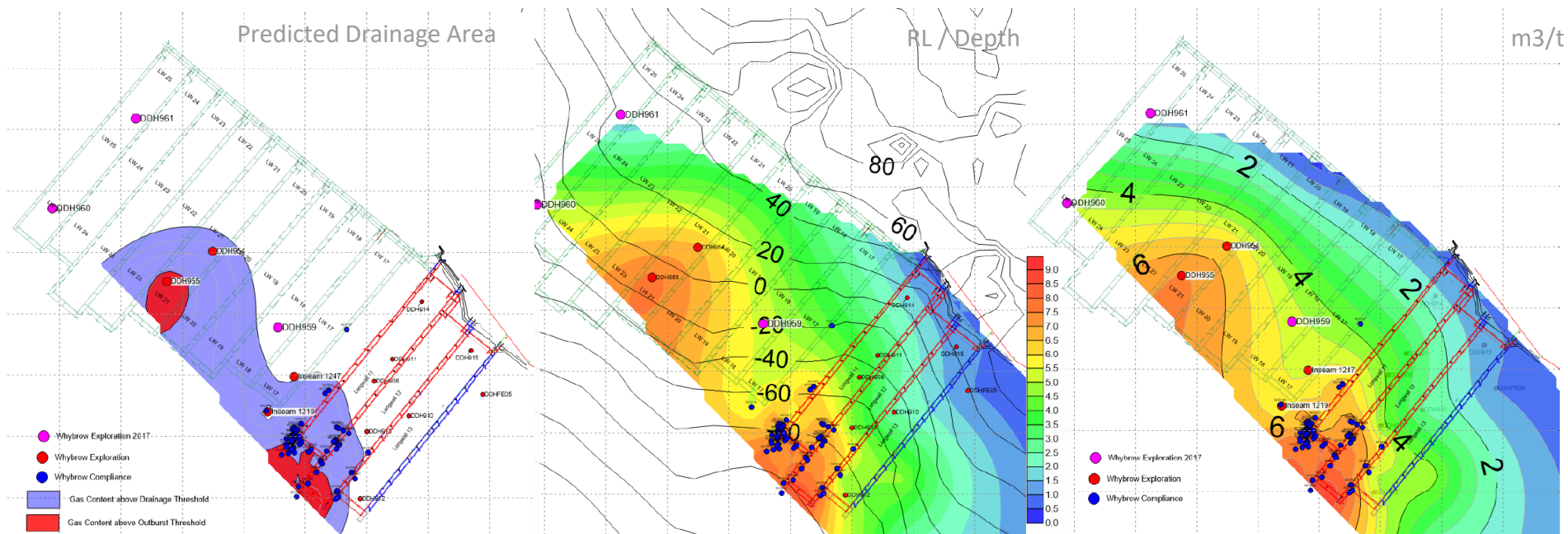
General Outburst Management Strategy

- Wambo UG workings contains a combination of above and below threshold coal
- Surface to seam and in-seam compliance sampling is used to find boundary between above and below threshold coal levels
- Threshold x 2
 - DRI 900 (Mining in outburst control zones)
 - Defined threshold values (DRI 900 equivalent from geogas)
- Drill and drain above threshold coal
- Resample
- Issue ATM when below threshold



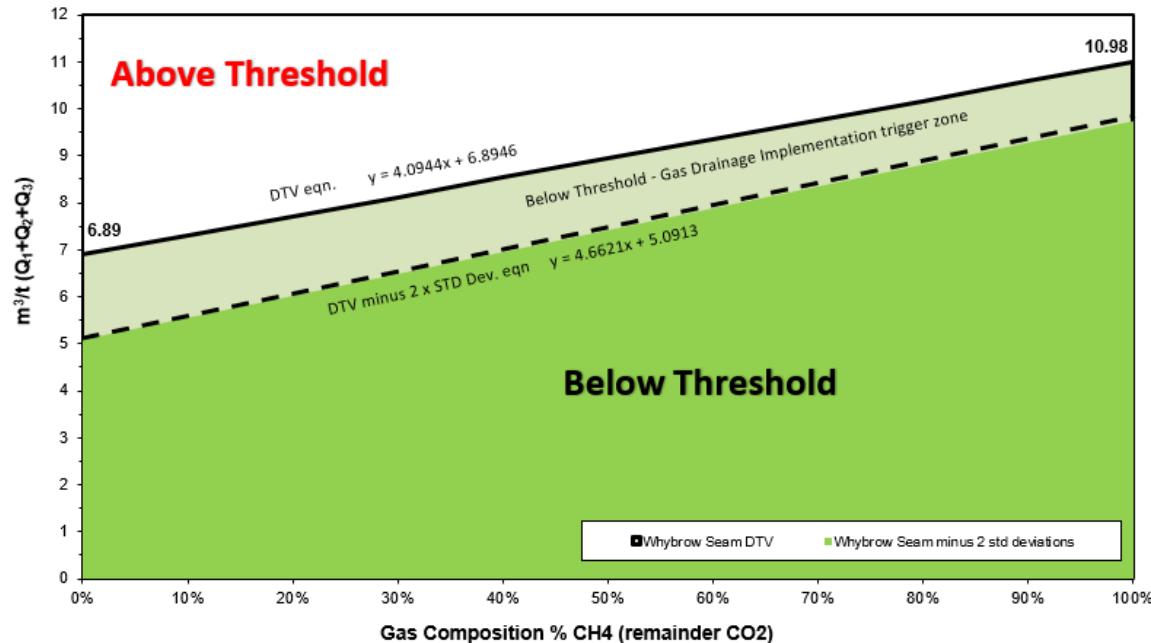
Reservoir Prediction / Project Feasibility

- Vertical compliance boreholes used for feasibility
 - Full working section sampled for gas
- Reservoir prediction generally lower total gas content



Current Threshold Limits

Whybrow Extended Seam Defined Threshold Limits



AND DRI 900

Strategy to sample virgin and drained coal to confirm below threshold

At 900 DRI and average seam gas composition, the outburst and drainage thresholds were calculated as:

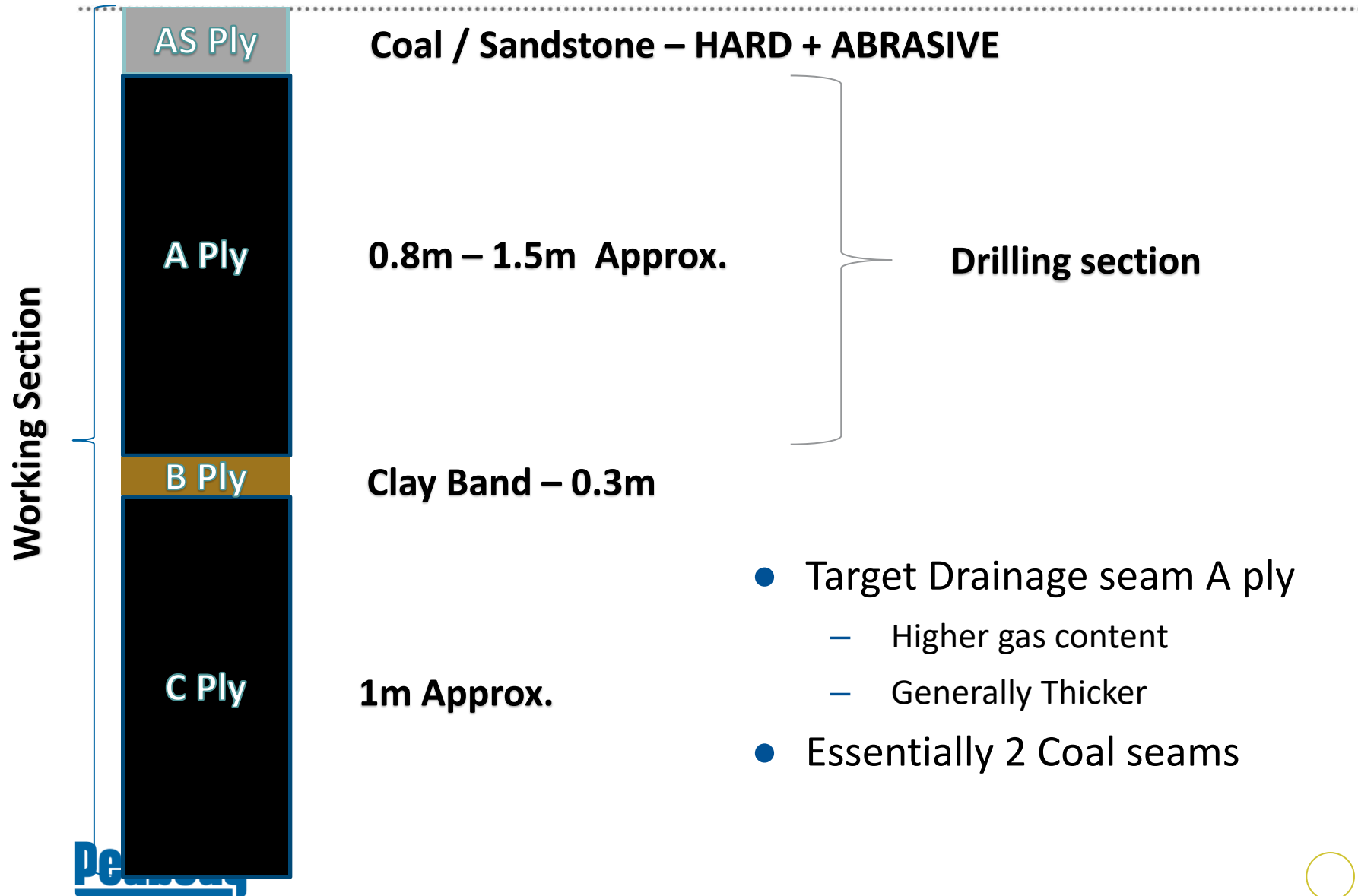
- Outburst Threshold of 7.89 m³/t @ a seam gas composition of 40 % CH₄
- Outburst Threshold of 10.10 m³/t @ a seam gas composition of 92 % CH₄
- Drainage thresholds (Defined Threshold Value – 2 x std deviations) were determined as:
 - Drainage Threshold of 6.36 m³/t @ a seam gas composition of 40 % CH₄
 - Drainage Threshold of 8.81 m³/t @ a seam gas composition of 92 % CH₄

Drilling Challenges

- Multiple coal ply's (A ply and B ply)
- Variable seam characteristics
 - Thickness
 - Grades
 - Geology / structure
- Minimal data on seam
- Variable target seam 0.8m to 1.5m
 - Multiple branches
- Hard band / Roof (AS ply)
 - Sandstone erosional channel
- Cowpat / Clay interburden
 - Typical clay – moisture sensitive



Mine Working Section



Gas Content in coal

Core Sample	Q1	≈ 5% total gas – 0.4m ³ /t
	Q2	≈ 15% total gas – 1.2 m ³ /t
	Q3	≈ 80% total gas – 6.4 m ³ /t

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Nominal 8 m³/t and 940 DRI

75 - 85% CO₂

15 - 25% CH₄

Aim to pass on both DRI and Threshold.

A Few samples have **passed** on one threshold and **failed** on the other



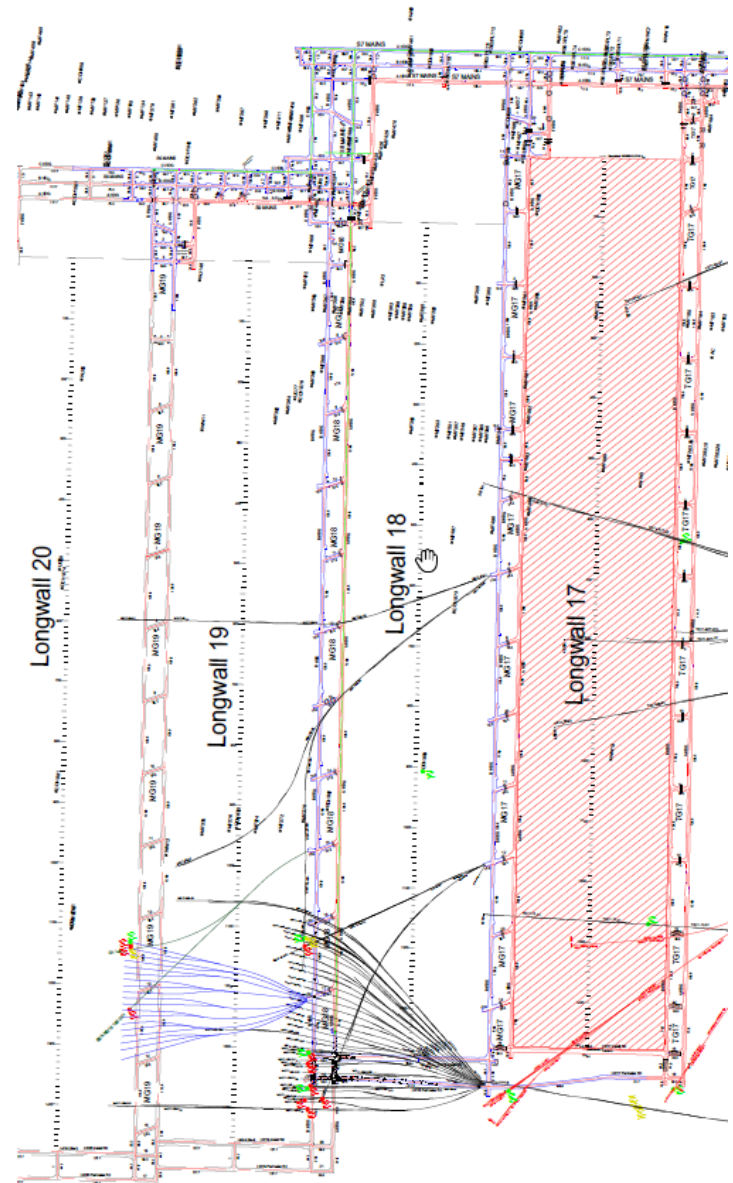
Hole Flows and Perm

- Tight solid coal
- Low flowing
 - 5-15 l/s each hole
 - 16,000m of holes discharging \approx 80-100 l/s
- Primary and Secondary cleats filled with calcite
 - Low pore space
- Predominantly Q3 gas
- Direction of holes have minimal impact on flow
- Boreholes remain stable



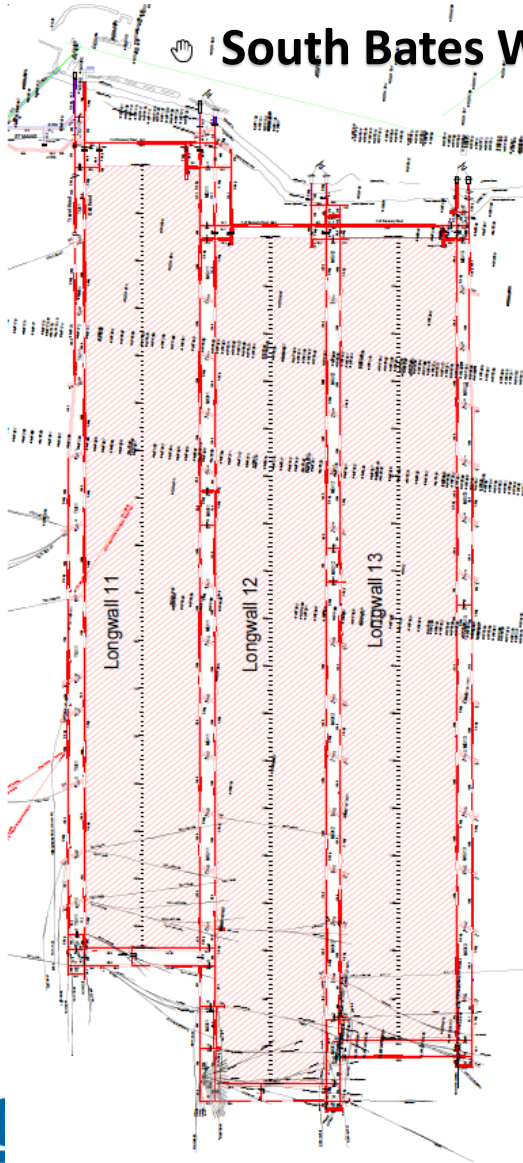
Current Gas Drainage - SBX

- Primary target A ply
- Secondary confirmation of gas in C ply is below threshold
- 2 drainage stubs at current
- Drilled up dip for water management
- Tight spacing of holes
 - 10m
- Early access exploration holes drilled

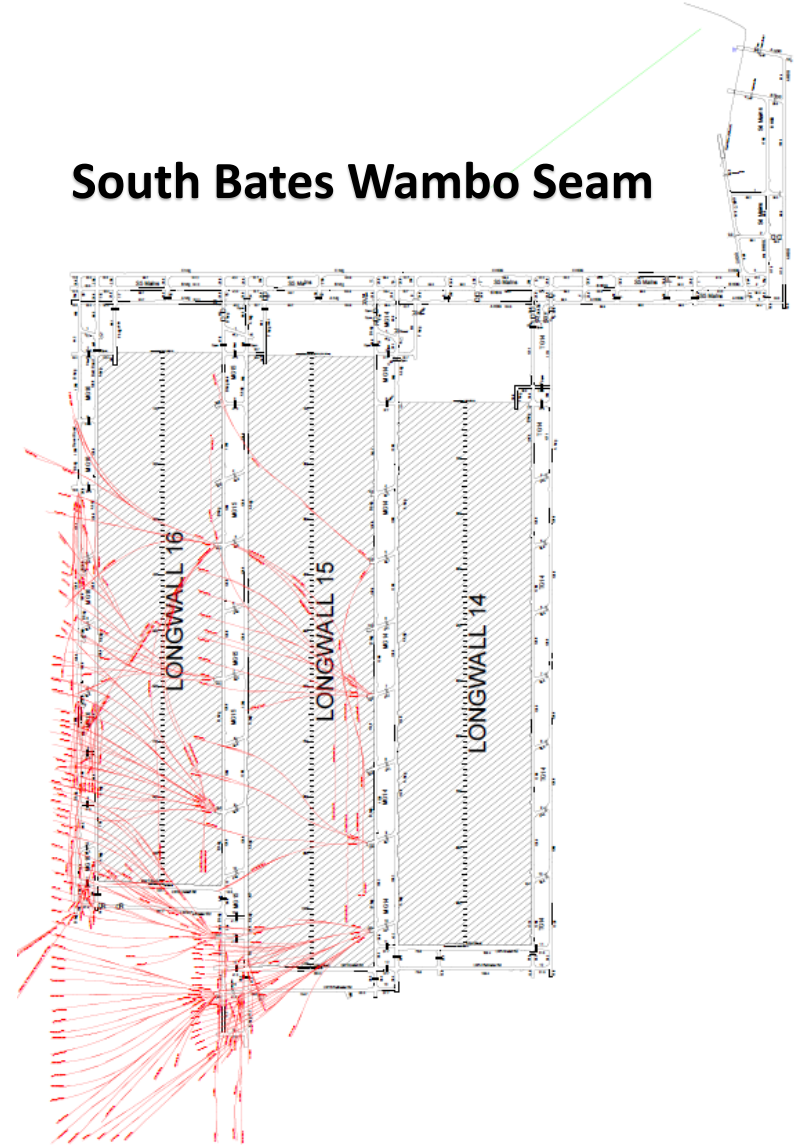


Recent previous Wambo UG mines

South Bates Whybrow Seam



South Bates Wambo Seam



Other Challenges

- Gas drainage is a bolt on process at Wambo when required and is not considered another standard process but more of a hinderance
- Frontline management have limited exposure to gas drainage process and practical management of gas drainage holes
- Mine schedule prevents long lead times on holes
 - Short panels / fast moving
- Generally gas is noticed first with CM trips and sumping in as we progress into deeper higher gas areas
 - Change in operating / cutting cycle required in gas drainage areas
- Low LW SGE considering residual gas content
- Gas management strategy for hole gas make
 - Typically vented into a return



Summary / Key Learnings for Wambo

- Vertical compliance/Reservoir assessment can vary to inseam horizontal (aggregate/composed vs single point sample)
- Utilising a combination of DRI and Threshold values for compliance can add an additional layer of complication
 - Currently looking at submitting a HRA to utilise threshold only
- Wambo requires tight spacing due to low flow / tight lead time
 - Other options such as fracing not currently explored due to minimal drainage area
- Gas drainage and hole management isn't part of day to day operations and not second nature to persons at Wambo
 - refreshing personnel on practices every



Questions?

